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TO: Contracted Treatment Providers
Outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment Providers
Residential Chemical Dependency Treatment Providers
Native American Treatment Providers

FROM: Doug Allen, Director
Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse

SUBJECT: **IMPLEMENTATION OF GAIN-SS**

This letter serves as notice that all publicly funded contracted treatment providers are required to use the GAIN-SS (Global Assessment of Individual Needs-Short Screener) as the tool for conducting the integrated comprehensive screening and assessment process effective January 1, 2007, per RCW 70.96C.010. Treatment agencies are required to document all scores in DASA's TARGET (Treatment and Assessment Report Generation Tool).

Current 2005-2007 contracts require that the contractor comply with all state and federal laws and thus, the GAIN-SS must be used beginning January 1, 2007. Language pertaining to GAIN-SS will be added to 2007-2009 contracts including contractual penalties for failure to comply as required by the new RCW.

For non-contracted agencies, use of the GAIN-SS is optional.

If you have any questions regarding this law, please contact your DASA Regional Administrator.

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